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### Holy Days and Holidays Calendar 2018-2019

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| MARCH   | 2-20 Bahá’í Fast begins  
6-19 Mahashivratri begins  
8-12 Ash Wednesday begins  
11-15 Clean Monday begins  
14-18 Sukhatmand Buddha’s Birthday begins  
21-25 Navroz (New Year) begins  
27-28 New Ruz (New Year) begins  
31-02 El-e-Norrz begins  
04-05 Puranam begins  
05-10 Maha Mithila  
18-20 Navroz (New Year) (FC) begins  
20-21 Avadha Keshavrathis bath begins  
21-24 Khordad Sal (FC) begins  
26-27 Kordal Sal (SC) begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |
| APRIL   | 2-3 Isha and Fajr  
4-5 New Year/Navroz  
8-12 Fasli New Year begins  
13-17 Tamil New Year begins  
13-14 Farvardegan begins  
15-19 Shīr Ram Navin begins  
20-24 Sakhakti/Sahukhti begins  
24-28 Austrian Buddha’s Day begins  
30-04 Duaa (New Year) begins  
05-09 Good Friday  
15-16 Observation of Peasch begins evening of April 19  
20-21 Peasch (Passover) begins  
21-22 First Day of Rishvan begins  
24-26 Easter begins  
27-29 Easter Monday begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |
| MAY     | 01-03 Sabaat begins  
02-06 Twelfth Day of Rishvan begins  
07-11 Ramadhan (fasting month) begins  
12-16 Bakshayami Buddha’s Enlightenment/Navroz Pojja begins  
17-21 Vaisakhi begins  
21-25 Vaisakhi begins  
26-30 Khordad Sal (QC) begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |
| JUNE    | 01-12 Eid-ul-Adha begins  
03-13 Observation of Shavuot begins evening of June 8  
14-16 Pentecost begins  
14-16 Shavuot begins  
15-16 Pentecost (J) begins  
16-20 Martyrdom of Guru Arjan Dev begins  
20-22 Puon/Saheja Puja Day begins  
21-22 National Indigenous Peoples Day begins  
22-24 Declaration of the Báb begins  
24-28 Zoroastrian New Year begins  
28-30 Zoroastrian New Year begins  
30-04 Good Friday  
05-06 Vaisakhi begins  
06-07 Declaration of the Báb begins  
07-09 Vaisakhi begins  
09-15 Theravada New Year begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |
| JULY    | 01-12 Canada Day begins  
02-13 Gaza Day begins  
03-14 World Indigenous People’s Day begins  
03-14 Imamat Day begins  
03-14 Zoroastrian New Year (GC) begins  
14-16 Jalsa Salana begins  
16-20 Martyrdom of Báb begins  
19-23 Martyrdom of the Bááb begins  
20-24 Hulaa Puja begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |
| AUGUST  | 01-09 Lughnasadh/Lammas begins  
01-09 Farvardegan (GC) begins  
01-09 Festive Holiday (ON) begins  
02-05 Wafiat Arafat begins  
02-05 Eid-ul-Adha begins  
02-06 Tahail Bw begins  
02-06 Tikshar Bandhan begins  
02-06 Ashura Day/Ultimbara begins  
03-10 Birth of Bahá’u’lláh begins  
03-10 Manifestation Day begins  
16-28 Jalsa Salana begins  | Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrianism, Bahá’í, Hinduism, Sikhism, Islam, Wicca, Buddhism, Baha’i, Jainism, Zoroastrianism, and others |

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